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From: Strauss, Alexis
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Jennifer Stevens; Blumenfeld, Jared
Cc: Diamond, Jane
Subject: Development of SF Bay/Redwood City

Thank you Jennifer. I've asked our Water Director, Jane Diamond, to respond to you.
Kind regards,
Alexis

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Subject: Karl Brooks/Historical Development of SF Bay/Redwood City

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld and Ms. Strauss:

I am writing on the suggestion of my colleague and friend Karl Brooks. He suggested I contact you directly due to his new position.

I am the principal historian and founder of [SHRA](#). We are a historical research firm based in Boise, Idaho. We specialize in environmental history and work on cases and projects across the country. I personally have been a consulting historian in the environmental field since 1995.

I recently visited northern California and became aware of the ongoing controversy there regarding construction of a housing development in Redwood City on what used to be part of SF Bay. It occurred to me that my firm might be of some use to your agency as the debate over the project progresses.

We have worked on several Clean Water Act cases in the past in which we researched and described the historic characteristics of land/water bodies prior to modern development to help characterize the water's jurisdiction under this law. The situation in Redwood City appears to be right up our alley. I'm not sure if the EPA uses historians like us, but if so, would be interested in discussing whether there might be a role for us.

I've attached my CV for your review, and would like to discuss further if you are so inclined.

Thank you so much for your consideration and time.

Best Regards,
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